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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : William Martin et al.
Application Serial No.: 10/014,342
Filing Date : November 13, 2001
Title: AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE
LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READING
SYSTEM WITH OMNIDIRECTIONAL AND
UNIDIRECTIONAL SCANNING MODES IN ADDITION TO
A DATA TRANSMISSION ACTIVATION SWITCH
Examiner : Jared Fureman
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-136USA000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 28, 2003

Sir:

In supplemental response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on May 28, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments to the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 20, 29, 31 and 50 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A bar code symbol reading device comprising:

(1) a hand-supportable housing having a light transmission aperture through which visible light can exit and enter said hand-supportable housing;

(2) a laser scanning engine, disposed within said hand supportable housing, that selectively operates in one of first and second scan modes,

wherein in said first scan mode, the laser scanning engine projects an omni-directional scan pattern through said light transmission aperture, repeatedly detects and decodes bar code symbols on objects passing through said omni-directional scan pattern, and produces a symbol